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SUBJECT: VISIT BY CONSULAR ASSISTANCE TEAM

REF: NEW DELHI 3939

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY DEWITT
(CA) AND NEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONNOLLY.

1. SINCE RECEIVING YOUR REQUEST FOR A CONSULAR ASSISTANCE
TEAM (CAT), CA AND NEA HAVE BEEN EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY
AND COMPOSITION OF SUCH A TEAM. WE HAVE NOW AGREED UPON
A FOUR-PERSON CAT, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN NEW DELHI MAY 20
OR 21 AND DEPART MAY 26. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
IF THESE PROPOSED DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO EMBASSY.

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE CAT WAS CREATED TO PROVIDE
IMMEDIATE, COMPREHENSIVE AND EXPERT ASSISTANCE TO CONSULAR
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SECTIONS. THE TEAM'S CONCERN IS NOT TO EVALUATE BUT TO
GUIDE THE POST CONSULAR STAFF THROUGH A SELF-ASSESSMENT
OF OPERATIONS, ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES. IN ADDITION,
THE TEAM WILL STUDY THE EXTENT TO WHICH TECHNOLOGY CAN BE
ADAPTED TO YOUR CONSULAR NEEDS, INSURE THAT THERE IS
OPTIMAL ALLOCATION OF OFFICER AND LOCAL STAFF AND SEEK
ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO COMBAT VISA FRAUD.

3. IN PREPARATION FOR ITS VISIT, THE CAT WILL CONSULT WITH SEVERAL OFFICES IN THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST THE TEAM IN ITS PREPARATION. PLEASE CABLE TO CA A STAFFING PATTERN OF THE CONSULAR SECTION, INCLUDING BOTH AMERICAN AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES.

4. TEAM WILL CONSIST OF: FRANKLIN CRUZ - MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT (GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY); CARL MCCOLLUM, VISA OFFICE; ISHIRO MORI, FBO; AND BOB WATSON, NEA/EX.

5. POST WILL BE NOTIFIED OF TEAM'S TRAVEL ITINERARY IN NEAR FUTURE. VANCE

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